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Remarks/Arguments:

1. The Examiner rejected original (and now canceled) claims 1 and 2 as being unpatentable with regard to "Beef Jerky Recipe" posted on the Internet on 12/12/89 in view of "Beef Venison Jerky" posted on the Internet 1/199. Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejections for the following reasons.

2. New claims 3 and 4 recite not only specific ingredients not found in either of the above-cited references, but new claims 3 and 4 also recite specific amounts or proportions for each ingredient whose admixture produces the unique properties of crispness and maintaining of the flavor until the individual has completed chewing the last bite of the beef jerky strip. The cited references, singly or in combination, do not teach, suggest or disclose the elements – in their specific proportions – as recited in new claims 3 and 4.

3. In view of the above arguments Applicant respectfully requests allowance of new claims 3 and 4 and passage of the case to full issuance. Applicant has made a good faith effort to meet and overcome the Examiner's rejections, and no new subject matter has been added by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

